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| Applicants:             | Hisashi Ohtsuka et al.   | Art Unit: 2828              |
| Application Serial No.: | 09/552,540   | Examiner: Armando Rodriguez |
| Filing Date:            | April 19, 2000   |                             |
| Title:                  | SOLID-STATE LASER APPARATUS EXCITED BY LASER LIGHT FROM SEMICONDUCTOR UNIT HAVING INCREASED RESONATOR LENGTH |                             |

November 21, 2003

**AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO MAY 22, 2003 OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to an Office Action mailed on May 22, 2003 (the "Office Action"). The period for filing a response to the Office Action has been extended from August 22, 2003 to and including November 22, 2003, by a Petition for a three months extension of time filed concurrently herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), thus, this amendment is timely filed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.**

**There are no amendments to the Claims in this Response, which is reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 6 of this paper.**

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**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**An Appendix** including Fig. 1 Replacement Sheet and Annotated Sheet Showing Changes is attached following page 19 of this paper.

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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheet of drawing includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1. In Fig. 1, the resonator 51 has been added in a semiconductor laser unit 11, and its length has been denoted by "L."

Attachment: Replacement Sheet  
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes